

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation And Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval Of Staff Recommendations

*(Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)*

5. Approval Of Agenda And Additions

6. Presentations

7. Petitions And Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules)

8. Minutes Of Council Meetings

o. Minutes – Executive Session Of November 16, 2015

In order to approve these minutes, the following motion is needed:

I move that the minutes of the executive session of the City Council held Monday, November 16, 2015, at 7:04 p.m., in the Library of the Municipal Building be approved as presented. Council held this closed meeting in accordance with the General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3) of the *Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland*, to consult with legal counsel regarding the acquisition of real property. (CM)

o. * DRAFT Minutes, Work Session #1, November 16, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION 1, NOVEMBER 30, 2015.PDF](#)

o. * DRAFT Minutes, Work Session #2, November 16, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION 2, NOVEMBER 16, 2015.PDF](#)

o. * DRAFT Minutes, November 30, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION, NOVEMBER 30, 2015.PDF](#)

o. * DRAFT Minutes, Work Session, December 9, 2015

Documents: [DRAFT MINUTES, WORK SESSION, DECEMBER 9, 2015.PDF](#)

9. Administrative Reports

10. *Committee Reports

o. * Advisory Committee On Education, Report #2016-1 (Grant Proposals – 2016):

It is recommended that Council accept this report and consider it on the agenda of the next meeting. (CM)

Documents: [ACE REPORT.PDF](#)

11. An Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of Greenbelt Authorizing The Acquisition By Negotiated Purchase Of Certain Real Property Known As 10-A Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland Which Is Needed For A Public Purpose, Namely A Museum, For An Amount Not To Exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)

- 1st Reading

Reference:
Ordinance

The City has the opportunity to acquire the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) unit at 10-A Crescent Road which is next to the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road. These units are the only two units at that address. (In GHI language, it would be to purchase the Right of Perpetual Use.)

The current Greenbelt Museum building was acquired by the City as part of its 50th anniversary in 1987. From the time the museum unit was acquired, persons associated with the museum have expressed an interest in 10-A being acquired as well for museum purposes. The unit at 10-A could become the office space for museum staff which would enable the museum to be available for tours on a more frequent basis. It would also provide space for hosting larger tour groups, provide space for researchers interested in Greenbelt, and present a comparison of original Greenbelt homes "then and now."

The residents of 10-A, the Dwyers, had always been good neighbors to the museum, sharing information with interested visitors when the museum was closed. Another resident might not be so accommodating of these types of intrusions. The Dwyers resided in the home for 59 years and as such it is unknown when the unit might become available again. Discussions with Thomas Dwyer, who is executor of the estate, indicate he is willing to sell the unit to the City for \$200,000 which is less than its appraised value.

A public hearing for this acquisition was held during Council's regular meeting on December 14, 2015. Following the public hearing, Council directed staff to prepare the ordinance to approve the acquisition for introduction at this meeting.

It is recommended the ordinance be introduced for first reading. (MPM)

Documents: [DRAFT ORDINANCE.PDF](#)

12. A Resolution To Authorize The Negotiated Purchase Of Canine Turf For The Greenbelt Animal Shelter And The Greenbelt Dog Park From East Coast Surfacing Of Rock Hall, Maryland At A Cost Of \$20,940

- 1st Reading

Reference:
Resolution
East Coast Surfacing Quote, 12/15/2015

Included in the FY 2016 budget is \$15,000 for the installation of canine turf at the

Greenbelt Animal Shelter. It has not been possible to maintain a grass yard at the animal shelter due to the heavy use by dogs, poor drainage and lack of sunlight. This has resulted in a yard that is often wet and muddy. The condition of the yard causes the dogs to become wet and dirty when in the yard and this in turn results in the interior of the shelter becoming dirty and therefore requiring increased maintenance by shelter staff and increased costs for maintenance materials.

There have been similar problems with yard care at the dog park and the city has received complaints from park users about the condition of the yard. There has been discussion of using canine turf in the dog park in addition to the animal shelter yard. This would allow an opportunity to evaluate the durability of the canine turf under dog park conditions and also will allow dog park users the chance to test out the canine turf and offer feedback.

Staff obtained quotes from two companies for the installation of canine turf in the rear and side yards of the animal control facility. An additional quote was obtained for a small test area for canine turf at the dog park. The best quote was received by East Coast Surfacing at a cost of \$18,440 for the animal control facility rear and side yards, and \$2,500 for a 15' by 15' test area at the dog park. The combined total for the animal control facility yard and the dog park test area is \$20,940.

A resolution for negotiated purchase has been prepared for the purchase of canine turf from East Coast Surfacing in the amount of \$20,940. It is recommended the resolution be introduced for first reading. (CC)

Documents: [DRAFT RESOLUTION.PDF](#), [EAST COAST SURFACING QUOTE.PDF](#)

13. American Chestnut Foundation Grant Opportunity

Reference:

Email, J. Murray, 12/26/2015

At the December meeting of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), the Board discussed a possible opportunity for the city to obtain at no cost seedlings of the American Chestnut tree. The American Chestnut tree has suffered great loss due to disease but recent efforts to breed the American Chestnut tree with the Chinese Chestnut tree has resulted in a new disease resistant strain of the American Chestnut. The American Chestnut Foundation has been working with organizations to establish new stands of the American Chestnut by providing seedlings to be planted by partner organizations. While the seedlings are provided at no cost, an agreement is required which specifies planting and care of the seedlings. The agreement also prohibits the sale of the trees or seedlings of the tree. The FPAB was enthusiastic about this possible opportunity and suggested that this possibility be evaluated.

At this time, we have limited information about the program. Staff has been attempting to gather more information about who is sponsoring the program, what is the process to apply for these seedlings, how is site selection handled, is there a grant cycle to apply for the program and how many seedlings are available, among other questions. Given the information we have available, this seems like an exciting opportunity to participate in the reestablishment of the American Chestnut while providing resources to increase the City's tree inventory.

It is recommended that Council forward this matter to the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) for their study and evaluation. ACT can research the program and provide a recommendation based on thorough review of the program and its requirements. (CC)

Documents: [EMAIL, J. MURRAY.PDF](#)

14. State Legislation – PG 404 County Disposal Bag Fee

Reference:
PG 404-16

This legislation would allow the County to impose a fee on retail establishments for the use of disposable plastic bags. The fee cannot exceed five cents per bag. The proposed law would not apply to bags for certain uses (bulk items, flowers, newspapers, etc.). This local bill would only apply in Prince George's County. Senator Pinsky sponsored this bill.

The City has supported similar legislation in prior years. Past bills would have authorized the retailer to charge a fee to the consumer. Under PG 404, the retailer must pay the fee.

It is recommended Council support PG 404-16. (DEM)

Documents: [PG 404-16.PDF](#)

15. Council Reports

16. * Advisory Planning Board Resolution For Departure #15-002-DPLS

Reference:
APB Resolution 15-002-DPLS, 12/9/15

An appeal was made to the Advisory Planning Board (APB) to grant a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards (DPLS) for a waiver of 13 parking spaces as required by Prince George's County Code for a retail use to occupy 151A Centerway, Greenbelt. The subject space is located below the Greenbelt Barber Shop and DMV Pizza in Roosevelt Center, and was formerly occupied by the Greenbelt Step Club.

The APB held a public hearing on the application on December 9, 2015. At the hearing City planning staff recommended approval of the application. In addition, persons were present that spoke in favor of granting the departure. APB found sufficient justification to recommend unanimous approval of the requested waiver of 13 parking spaces to accommodate a retail use in the subject property.

Since no requests for oral argument were filed, it is recommended that Council adopt the APB Resolution for Departure Application 15-002-DPLS. Approval of this item on the consent agenda (as permitted by the zoning legislation) will indicate Council's adoption of the APB Resolution for Departure Application 15-002-DPLS. (TH)

Documents: [APB RESOLUTION 15-002-DPLS.PDF](#)

17. * Reappointments To Advisory Groups

Reference:
Reappointment Applications

The following individuals have indicated their willingness to continue to serve on City Advisory Boards and Committees:

Jacquelyn Carrington	Community Relations Advisory Board
Pamela Gregory	Board of Elections

Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to appoint them to new terms. (CM)

18. * Resignation From Advisory Group

Reference:

Email, S. Burks, 01/06/2016

Sherry Burks has submitted her resignation from the Community Relations Advisory Board. Approval of this item on the consent agenda will indicate Council's intent to accept her resignation with regret. (CM)